

Some Notes re Timber Control and Prices for Australia.

Export for the year 1918 was :—

Rimu	...	30,391,000	sup. ft.
Kauri	...	7,707,411	„ „
		<u>38,098,411</u>	

Towards the end of 1918 the Board of Trade took control, and under the Regulations requested sawmillers to supply figures with respect to existing contracts to export. These figures showed that at the beginning of 1919 New Zealand sawmillers were committed by contracts to export, among other timbers :—

Rimu	...	37,000,000	sup. ft.
Kauri	...	6,250,000	„ „
		<u>43,250,000</u>	

Since control the Board of Trade has permitted the export of Rimu and Kauri as follows :—

		RIMU	KAURI
1919	...	13,149,616	5,251,489
1920	...	14,744,803	1,179,044
		<u>27,894,419</u>	<u>6,430,533</u>

That is to say, since control, sawmillers have been unable to complete contracts for export of Rimu which they had in hand at the date the Regulations came into force, the shortage being 9,105,581, and in respect to Kauri the exports have only just met the quantity contracted for in 1918.

In addition, by the declared policy of the Government, export is being reduced annually from the original maximum fixed by regulation, by 15 per cent. in Kauri and 10 per cent. in Rimu.

COMPARATIVE PRICES OF NEW ZEALAND KAURI AND RIMU WHEN SOLD IN AUSTRALIA AND WHEN SOLD FOR HOME CONSUMPTION (AT OCTOBER, 1921).

KAURI.									
Australian retail prices reduced to f.o.b value N.Z. ports.			N.Z. (Auckland) retail prices.			Margin by which N.Z. prices are under those of "Australian reduced prices."			
1st.	Med.	2nd.	1st.	Med.	2nd.	1st.	Med.	2nd.	
At per 100ft. super—									
4½ x 6½ ...	53/-	45/-	38/-	44/-	37/6	29/6	9/-	7/6	8/6
9 x 1 ...	54/-	46/-	39/-	44/-	37/6	29/6	10/-	8/6	9/6
11 x 1 & up ...	59/-	51/-	44/-	46/-	37/6	29/6	13/-	13/6	14/6
12 x 1 ...	59/-	51/-	44/-	46/-	37/6	29/6	13/-	13/6	14/6
14 x 1 ...	65/-	57/-	50/-	47/-	38/6	30/6	18/-	18/6	19/6
16 x 1 ...	68/-	60/-	53/-	48/-	39/6	31/6	20/-	20/6	21/6
18 x 1 ...	70/-	62/-	55/-	49/-	40/6	32/6	21/-	21/6	22/6

RIMU.									
Australian retail prices reduced to f.o.b value N.Z. ports.			N.Z. (Rangitikei) retail prices			Margin by which N.Z. prices are under those of "Australian reduced prices."			
1st Class.	2nd Class.		1st Class.	2nd Class.		1st Class.	2nd Class.		
At per 100ft. super—									
2 to 4 x 1 to 3	39/-	30/-	21/6	19/6	17/6	10/6		
9 x 1 to 3	46/-	36/-	21/6	19/6	24/6	16/6		
11 x 1 to 3	48/-	38/-	22/6	20/6	25/6	17/6		
12 x 1 to 3	49/-	39/-	22/6	20/6	26/6	18/6		
14 x 1	50/-	—	24/6	22/6	25/6	—		
16 x 1	51/-	—	26/6	24/6	24/6	—		
18 x 1	52/-	—	28/6	26/6	23/6	—		